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1. The Red Chinese Government is planning a twelve percent increase in production of cotton and fifteen to twenty percent increase for wool, linen, and silk, during 1954. It is expected that 600,000,000 meters of cotton cloth will be produced in this period. In the province of Shexiang, the most important area for silkworm breeding and tea growing, the area to be planted to mulberries is to be increased around 1,800 hectares, an anticipated production increase of fourteen percent. The area planted to tea is to be increased to 660 hectares, or an anticipated increase in production of eight percent.
2. As a part of the general plan for increasing textile production, the provinces of Hopei and the territory of Sian (Changan) present points of special importance. Hopei produces a quarter of the entire Chinese cotton production. Not counting large quantities sent to northeast and southwest China, it delivered in 1953, to the textile factories of Tientsin, Tsingtao, Shanghai, and Canton, 185,000 tons of cotton with seeds removed. In 1954, the production of Hopei is to be increased 39 per cent.

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3. In the Sian (Changan) territories which was formerly one of the textile districts of the coastal area an independent textile area has now been built up, with its center in Kuanchuang plain. Other Chinese textiles mills are in Harbin (linen), Hankow and the Liaotung Peninsula (silk), and finally Chengchow, also called simply Cheng, 80 kilometers west of Kaifeng (cotton).
4. All the machinery required by the textile industry will be provided by China herself, after completion of the seventh textile machinery factory in Shansi. The other six textile machinery factories are in Tientsin, Tsingtao, Chanschow (Tshen) and Shanghai.
5. In 1953, four big state-owned cotton textile mills, were built in China, specifically, in Peiping Chengchow, Shihchishuang (?), and Sian (Changan). During 1954, it is planned to build further state factories with 100,000 spindles, in the same places. In Taiyuan a textile mill and two cotton spinning establishments were built in 1953.
6. In Sian (Changan), a printing plant and dye works were built together with several plants for cotton weaving. Among these is a modern plant in Sian with 50,000 spindles (sic). The latter began operation in December 1953. The "spindle-weaving" plant was constructed in the Kuanchung plains in the built-up area. Between Sian and Sienyang (Hsienjang) the flourishing textile center in Shensi province, a 30 kilometer high tension line was built. This runs from the newly erected Power Works Sian 2 and will provide for industrial establishments on the Lunghai Railroad, between Sian and Sienyang.
7. In Shanghai, the largest Chinese textile center, there are at present thirty textile factories in operation. Erection of two more, with 50,000 spindles is planned.

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